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MARCH MEETING BRETTON VILLAGE CLUBHOUSE SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2011 1:00 P.M.

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Chartered:
SEPTEMBER 1998

Meetings:

BOARD MEETINGS:
President's Discretion

MONTHLY
MEETINGS:

Typically the last
Sunday of each
month

Locations To Be Announced

Our March Meeting will be held at Bretton Village Clubhouse, 1525 Camelot, in Trenton, on Saturday, March 26, 2011 beginning at 1:00 P.M. This should be a FUN day.

The venue is an **International Potluck Luncheon** with a Make and Take taboot. Please bring a dish that represents your heritage with a small explanation as to what it is and what nationality it's from. We will have a make and take to do as well (see insert to this newsletter). There will be a small charge for the make and take (\$5.00 - \$7.00). This International Potluck was one of the ideas from Mike Goode who did a seminar at the Seasons of Michigan Gathering.

Please R.S.V.P. to **Chris Speedie** via email raespeedie@aol.com or phone her at **(734) 675-8528** by **March 24th** so we will know how many to expect for setting up tables and chairs. Don't forget to let me know which Make and Take you wish to do.

I think most of you have been there before. It is right off King Road on Camelot. Parking is at a minimum. **You can park on the street**, on either side, do not park in any of the cul-de-sacs or numbered spaces. And there is a small parking area (on the south side) next to the clubhouse.

We are looking forward to sharing with good friends, doing a cute and fun make and take and enjoying a good international mix of dining delights.

Guests are always welcome at our meetings

OLD BUSINESS

WHAT: February 2011 Meeting
WHEN: Sunday, February 27, 2011
WHERE: Olive Garden in Livonia

We had 14 members in attendance. **They were Lynn & Ray Carpenter, Lois & Joe DesRochers, Loretta Feroni, Wanda & Ed Hildner, Phyl & Ken Long, Sharon & Greg Noga, Carol Olgren, Chris Speedie, and our NEWEST member, Jim Hamby!**

First, I would like to welcome Jim Hamby to the Detroit 56'ers. He lives in Ecorse, Michigan and collects Halloween and Dickens Villages.

We all had lunch and most members chit chatted and just caught up on what was happening to them over the winter. It was great to see members Greg & Sharon Noga. Since we saw them last, Sharon has had both knees replaced, and Greg broke a leg. Greg lost his mom (I think he said in 2010) and they are both looking and feeling great. Sharon and Greg have both retired.

We mentioned that everyone keep Phyl Long's sister in your prayers. As you may or may not know Phyl grew up in New Zealand. Her sister who still lives there is okay and their house is still standing after the recent earthquake.

Welcome Members

Detroit 56'ers wish to welcome new member **JIM HAMBY**, who I don't think needs any introduction. He has been the VCOM President for several years and he was the chairman of the Seasons of Michigan Gathering last fall and we want to welcome him into our club. Jim collects Halloween and Dickens Village.

Also, a returning member **RUTH MILES**. Ruth was a member several years ago and she has now retired from teaching and moved to Monroe, and has rejoined. Ruth collects New England Village. Welcome back Ruth.

I will now be able to update and reprint our membership book. Please join us at the March meeting and pick up your copy.

Treasurer's REPORT






Respectfully submitted by: **Edward Hildner, Treasurer**

STARTING Statement balance 1/31/11	\$ 1,441.75
Deposits credited:	
2/9 Deposit	\$24.00+
Checks written and cleared:	
1034 2/5 Bretton Village (Clubhouse Rental)	\$100.00-
2/28 Service charge	\$ 2.00-
Statement balance 2/28/11	\$ 1,363.75
Deposit made but not cleared as of statement:	
3/1/ Depoit (Dues)	\$24.00+
Checkbook balance 3/5/11	\$ 1,387.75



March 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6  <i>Joe Rietsch's Birthday</i>	7	8	9	10	11	12
13  Daylight Saving Time begins Set your clock ahead one hour at two o'clock AM	14	15	16  Happy St. Patrick's Day	17	18	19
20  SPRING Begins	21	22	23	24	25	26  Detroit 56'ers March Meeting at Bretton Village Clubhouse
27	28	29	30	31		

DEPARTMENT 56 GOLD KEY DEALER

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

APRIL: SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2011 - LUNCH AT BIG BEAR LODGE and a visit to the FLAT ROCK MODEL TRAIN DEPOT & MUSEUM Take a look at their website (<http://flatrocktraindepot.org>) on Arsenal Road in Flat Rock. \$6.00 Adult, \$5.00 Seniors

MAY: SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2011 - A DAY TRIP TO ARCHBOLD, OHIO to the Historic Sauder Village for lunch at the Barn Restaurant (\$12.00-\$15.00 for the Sunday buffet and then off to The Candy Cane Christmas Store which is right down the street from Sauder Village. Less about 2 hours from downriver (Trenton).

JUNE: TO BE DETERMINED

JULY: CLUB PICNIC - LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED

AUGUST: SATURDAY, DATE TO BE DETERMINED - House of Tradition - Lunch at the Holiday Inn/French Quarter in Perrysburg.

SEPT./OCT. 2011 September 29 - October 2, 2011 - Litchfield Park, Arizona

The Arizona Department 56 Clubs (the Arizona Village Collectors, Desert Villagers and Southwest Villagers, along with the volunteer posse from Region 10 and others will be your hosts or the 1st gathering in Arizona. History, charm and authentic Arizona await at the destination hotel the Wigwam Golf Resort and Spa, 300 East Wigwam Blvd., Litchfield Park, Arizona. www.wigwamresort.com. They have rustled up a great rate of \$125/night (plus tax). Call the Wigwam at 623-935-3811 or 800-327-396 and mention "Happy Trails to Arizona Gathering" or enter the following code: HAI29A if you book on line for the great rate. The Southwest Villagers website is up and running and updated frequently! www.southwestvillagers.com Several members are already planning to attend.

NOVEMBER 3,4,5,6, 2011 - SAVE THE DATE(s)!

Nancy's Hallmark / Department 56 Retirement Weekend Extravaganza!
in Sharonville, Ohio • It's going to be FUN!

The Holiday Inn I-275 in Sharonville is ready to accept your reservation.

Call direct to (513) 563-8330 and ask for the Detroit 56'ers group. Or if you wish to book on line go to www.holidayinn.com put Cincinnatti in the search box with the dates and and look for the Holiday Inn I-275 North (Sharonville, OH or Cincinnati, OH) under the map. Our online code is D56. Put D56 in the Group Code box and it will come up with the \$69.00 rate and you can make your room choice.

Mark your calendar's for these very special Detroit 56'ers events and gatherings!